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COUNTRY

Polish-occupied Germany

REPORT NO.

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TOPIC

Katowice Airfield

EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT

1947 to September 1948

DATE OBTAINED

DATE PREPARED

11 December 1950

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. The airfield south-southeast of Katowice (Q 51/Y 57) was about 1 1/2 km. A runway, under construction since the summer of 1948, was excavated by September 1948 as far as about 600 meters north of the woods which bordered the southern edge of the field. Source believed that the runway was to extend even farther. Polish laborers said that the runway was about 15 meters wide and was to be surfaced with wood and extended to such a length that jet fighters could take off. *

2. No hangars, billets, or other buildings were seen. **

3. No aircraft were apparently stationed at the field, but twin-engine aircraft with single rudder assemblies and single-engine mid-wing monoplanes with rigid landing gears often landed at the field. ***

* ☐ Comment. The construction of a runway at the Katowice airfield is reported for the first time. The information that the runway was only 15 meters wide and was to be surfaced with wood is believed to be improbable.

** ☐ Comment. A previous report indicated that one large and two small hangars were at the field. ☐ The fact that source did not observe these hangars increases the scepticism about the information regarding the runway.

*** ☐ Comment. Other sources also reported that the field was used for intermediate landings. ☐ An alleged occupation was reported in early 1950. ☐

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